

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**August 15, 2000**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
INTERCONNECTION AND TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE  
AGREEMENT FOR CELLULAR AND OTHER 2-WAY  
MOBILE RADIO SERVICES BETWEEN CITIZENS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF TENNESSEE  
LLC AND TRITEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**DOCKET NO. 00-00460**

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**ORDER APPROVING PAGING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (CMRS)**

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This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition for Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Cellular and Other 2-Way Mobile Radio Services (the "Agreement") between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC and Tritel Communications, Inc., a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider. The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 1, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC service area;

2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;

3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;

4) The approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders;

5) This is a CMRS agreement and not an agreement between competing carriers;

6) By approving this Agreement, the Authority does not make a determination that the provision of wireless service to both business and residential customers within the Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC service area rises to the level of facilities-based competition under 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(1)(A); and

7) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Cellular and other 2-Way Mobile Radio Services between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC and Tritel Communications, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary